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would, dear, if not a woman or a speculator, and I'm not a speculator, and Parker, as there is so much pressure, leather place we passed, the tannery, they bring cattle, would it be too much FOR THE COMPLEXION dour mill, if it isn't too far, and at the try goods store-and you must take a blank book and a sharpened pencil, and will you price everything, please, and fot down how much things are?" VARIABLE ROUTES TO FLORIDA.

ker was departing on the instant when you bayen't any umbrella!" And she forced her own, a slender wand, upon him. It bore a cunningly wrought cent Route have this year added a new handle; and its fabric was of glistenand unusually attractive feature in ing silk. The foreman, unable to deeline it, thanked her awkwardly, and the form of a variable route tourist as she turned to speak to Fisbee he bolted out of the door and ran down additional expense, the going trip may the steps without unfolding the umbe made via Chattanooga, Atlanta and brella, and then as he made for Mr. Macon and the return trip via Savan- Martin's emportum he buttoned it securely under his long Prince Albert, nah, Columbia, Asheville, Hot Springs determined that not a drop of water should touch and ruin so delicate a Three 3-room houses on North 12th ing stop off, if desired, at all of these thing. Thus he carried it, triumphantstreet between Boyd and Burnett, at and other points, so that a passenger by dry, through the course of his reportings of that day.

When he had gone the editor laid her foot lot, in best neighborhood, at \$525. "Land of the Sky" and the principle "do you think you'd take cold if you went over to the hotel and made a note Harkless always filled two or threeabout them, and somehow it 'read' very composite car and dining car, leaves A handsome observation sleeper leaving Louisville at 7:25 p. m., is attachfaithfully. Isn't it a good thing I althis train then runs through solid via laughed gayly into his mild, vague old Southern railway from Chattanooga to eyes. "It wen't be this scramble to fall Jacksonville and St. Augustine, arup' much longer. I have plans, gentle men, and before long we will print respectively the next evening, making One of the best houses in Rowland- connection at Jacksonville for interior talk with the Associated Press people The "Florida Limited" leaves Cin- And I went to the hospital this morn cinuati every morning the year around ling before I left. They wouldn't let me Very desirable offer in home in Arca- via the Queen & Crescent Route con- about him, and he's better, and 4 got dia at \$3000, on easy payments. See ecting at Lexington with the Southern Tom to go to the jatl, and he saw some railway trains from Louisville. This of those beasts, and I can do a column ern Railway from Chattanooga carry. ing sleeping cars, observation and din- thirt is, "listening to Senator Burns ing car, arriving at 9:45 a. m., and The Q. & C. "Special" leaving Cincinnati every evening carries Pullman sleeper through to Jacksonville via Southern railway from Harriman Jct. through Asheville, the "Land of the Sky" and Savannah. This train your big umbrella and go, dear, and also connects at Lexington with train

typewriter has come for me." She laughed again with sheer delight, like a child, and ran to a corner and ly fine service via each of these routes got the cotton umbreila and placed it on the return trip. Either of the fol- in the old man's hand. As he reached lowing booklets will be sent on receipt the door she called after him, "Walt!" and went to him and knelt before him and, with the humblest, proudest grace in the world, turned up his trousers to ! keep them from the mud. Ross Schefield had never considered Mr. Fisbee a particularly sacred sort of person, but he did from that moment. The old man made some timid protest at the girl's action, but she answered: "The great ladles used to buckle the Chevalier Bayard's spurs for him, and you're a great deal nicer than the Chev-You haven't any rubbers! I don't believe any of you have any rubbers!" And not until both Fishee and Mr. Schofield had promised to purchase overshoes at once and in the meantime not to step in any puddles would shlet the former depart upon his errand. He crossed the square with the strangest, jauntlest step ever seen in Plattville. Solomon Tibbs had a warm argument with Miss Sellna as to his the figure under the big umbrella-only the legs and coat tails were visible to

> an Englishman. In the Herald office the editor turned, smiling, to the paper's remaining vassal, "Mr. Schofleld, I heard som talk in Rouen of an oil company that had been formed to prospect for kerosene in Carlow county. Do you know

it's that Eph Watts' foolishness."

dig for it yet?"

"Have they begun the diggings yet?" "No, ma'am, I think not. They've get a contrapshun fixed up about three mile south. I don't reckon they've be machinery in place. I heard Eph say they'd begin to bore-dig, I mean, ma'am; I meant to say dig"- He stopped, utterly confused and unhap-

py, and she understood his manly pur-

pose and knew him for a gentleman

whom she liked. "You mustn't be too much surprised," she said, "but in spite of my ignorance about such things I mean to devote a good deal of space to the oil company. It may come to be of great importance to Carlow. We won't go into it in tomorrow's paper beyond an item or so, but do you think you could possibly find Mr. Watts and ask him for some call here tomorrow afternoon or the man who lay in the Rouen hospital day after? I want him to give me an he will very greatly oblige us."

her companion quickly. "I'll take Tibbs" buggy and go down there right off. Eph won't lose no time gittin' bere.' And with this encouraging assurance he was flying forth when he, like the others, was detained by her solicitous care. She was a born mother. He protested that in the buggy he would be perfectly sheltered. Besides, there wasn't another umbrella about the place. He liked to get wet anyway; had always loved rain. The end of it was that he went away in a sort of tremor wearing her rain cloak over his shoulders, which garment, as it covered its owner completely when she wore it, hung almost to his knees. He darted around a corner, and there, breathing deeply, tenderly removed it, then borrowing paper and cord at a neighboring store wrapped it neatly and stole back to the printing office, on the ground floor of the Herald building, and left the package in the hands of Bud Tipworthy, charging him to care for it as for his own life and not to open it, but if the lady so much as set one foot out of doors before his return to hand it to her with the message, "He borrowed another off J. Hankins."

and stood for a time looking gravely at Harkless' chair. She touched it gently. as she had touched it once before that morning, and then she spoke to it as if he were sitting there and as she would not have spoken had he been sitting

"You didn't want gratitude, did you?" she whispered, with sad lips. Soon she smiled at the blue ribbon, patted the chair gayly on the back and, jected monosyllables. But presently into her work with rare energy. She pretending to sew, heard Helea's voice, bent low over the desk, her pencil mov- clear, soft and trembling a little with ing rapidly. She seemed loath to pause excitement. She talked for only two for breath. She had covered many sheets when Fisbee returned, and as he came in softly tu order not to disturb her she was so deeply engrossed that she did not hear him, nor did she look up when Parker entered, but pursued the formulation of her fast flying ideas with the same single purpose and abandon. So the two men sat and waited while their caleftainess wrote absorbedly. At last she glanced up and made a little startled exclamation at seeing them there and then gave them cheery greeting. Each placed several scribbled sheets before her, and she, having first assured herself that Fishee had bought his overshoes, and having expressed a fear that Mr. Parker had found her umbrella too small, as he looked damp (and indeed he was damp), cried praises on their notes and

offered the reporters great applause. "It is all so splendid!" she cried. "How could you do it so quickly? And in the rain too! It is just what we need. I've done most of the things I mentioned, I think, and made a draft of some plans for hereafter. Doesn't it seem to you that it would be a good notion to have a woman's page-'For Feminine Renders' or 'Of Interest to Women'-once a week?"

"A woman's page!" exclaimed Fis bee. "I could never have thought of that. Could you, Mr. Parker?"

peated testimony of sight that the din- plan" gy room upstairs was actually the setting for their jewel, and a jewel they swore she was. The printers came down chuckling and gurgling after each interview. It was partly the thought that she belonged to the Herald, their paper. Once Ross, chuckling, looked up and caught the foreman giggling to himself.

"What in the name of common sense

'What are you laughing at?" re

The day wore on, wet and dreary outside, but all within the Herald's boson was snug and busy and murmurous with the healthy thrum of life and prosperity renewed. Toward 6 o'clock. system accomplished, the new guiding spirit was deliberating on a policy, as Harkless would conceive a policy were he there, when Minnie Briscoe ran joycusly up the stairs, plunged into the room waterproofed and radiant and caught her friend in her eager arms

But policy and labor did not end at twilight every day. There were evenings, as in the time of Harkless, when lamps shone from the upper windows of the Herald building; for the little editor worked hard, and sometimes she worked late; she always worked early. one or two blunders which she took much more seriously than any one else did. But she found a remedy for all such results of her inexperience, and she developed experience. She set at her task with the energy of her youthfulness and no limit to her ambition. and she felt that Harkless had prepared the way for a wide expansion of the paper's interests, wider then he She brought a fresh point of view to operate in a situation where he bad fallen perhaps too much in the rut. and she watched every chance with a keen eye and looked ahead of her with clear foresight. What she waited and yearned for and dreaded was the time information as to their progress and if when a copy of the new Herald should it would be too much trouble for him to be placed in the trembling hands of the Then she felt if he, unaware of her interview if he will. Tell him, please, identity as he was and as he was to be kept, should place everything in her "Oh, he'll come all right," answered hands unreservedly, that would be a tribute to her work. And how hard she would labor to deserve it!

and put an end to policy for that day.

sined the other. "I dunno!"

After a time she began to see that as his representative and editor of the 1592-Little, G. A., residence, Herald she had become a factor in district politics. It took her breath, but with a gasp of delight, for there was

something she wanted to do. Rodney McCune had lifted his head. and the friends of his stricken enemy felt that they and the cause that Harkless had labored for were lost with out the leader, for the old ring that the Herald had beaten rallied around Mc Cune. "The boys were in line again." Every one knew that Halloway, a dull but honest man, the most available material that Harkless had been able to find, was already beaten. If John Harkless had been "on the ground to work for him," it was said, Halloway could have received the nomination again, but as matters stood he was beaten and beaten badly, and Rodney McCune would sit in congress, for nomination meant election. But one afternoon the Harkless

forces, demoralized, broken, hopeless woke up to find that they had a leader. There was a political conference at Left alone, the lady went to the desk Judge Briscoe's. The politicians descended sadly at the gate from the omnibus that had met the afternoon train-Boswell and Kenting, two gentlemen of Amo, and Bence and Shannon, two others of Gaines county, to confer with Warren Smith, Tom Martin, Briscoe and Harkless' representatives, Fisbee and the editor of the Herald. They entered the house gloomily, and the conference began in deseizing upon pencil and pad, dashed Minnie Briscoe, sitting on the porch among the others. All the voices burst forth at once in exclamations, almost shouts. Then Minnie saw her father. seated near the window, rise and strike the table a great blow with his clinched fist. "Will I make the nominating speech?" he cried. "I'd walk from here to Rouen and back again to do

"We'll swim out!" exclaimed Mr. Keating of Amo. "The wonderful thing is that nobody thought of this before. There are just two difficulties -Halloway and our man himself. He wouldn't let his name be used against Kedge. Therefore we've got to work it quietly and keep it from him." "It's not too difficult," said the speak-

er's colleague, Mr. Boswell. "All we've got to do is to spring it as a surprise on the convention. Some of the old crowd themselves will be swept along with us when we make our nomination, and you want to stuff your ears with cor ton. You see, all we need to do is to pass the word quietly among the Halloway people and the shaky McCune people. Rod may get wind of it, but you can't fix men in this district against ns when they know what we mean to do now. On the first ballot we'll give Halloway every vote he'd have got if be'd run against McCune alone. It will our heads clear and our arms strong? If you will-then"- She began to blush furiously, and her voice trembled, but she lifted the glass high over

they sent up the first shout of the campaign and cheered till the rafters

"My friends," sald Mr. Keating as be and Boswell and the men from Gaines drove away from the brick house-"my friends, here is where I begin the warmest hustling I ever did. Now, I guess we all think this is a great

"It is a glorious idea," sald Mr Bence. "The name of Harkless"-Keating drowned the oratory: "But that isn't all. That little girl wants it to succeed, and that settles it. He

That night Mr. Parker, at work in the printing office, perceived the figure of Mr. Tipworthy beckoning him mysterlously from the pavement.

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The Gentleman From Indiana

The editor blushed, "Why, who neither are you, and that's the reason you didn't think of them. So, Mr. gun yet, hardly. They're gittin' the and if you don't mind continuing to act as reporter as well as compositor until after tomorrow, and if it isn't too wetyou must have an umbrella-would it be too much bother if you went around to all the shops-stores, I mean-to all the grocers and the butchers and the and if there's one of those places where to ask you to stop there-and at the

Orders received, the impetuous Par-

hand on Fisbee's arm. "Dear," she said. of all the arrivals for the last week and the departures too? I noticed that Mr. nicely. You must ask the landlord al about them, and if there aren't any, we can take up the same amount of space lamenting the dull times, just as be useds to. You see, I've read the Herald ways subscribed for it?" She patted Fishee's cheek with her soft hand and news; and we must buy 'plate matter' instead of patent insides; and I had a n Roden, but that's for afterwhile. see him again, but they told me all suit Cyrlow, you may believe that. And whichats much stupider-and I think I can do an article on national politics. I'm not very well up on local issues yet, and I"- She broke off suddenly "There, I think we can get out tomor row's number without any trouble. By the time you get back from the hotel, father, I'll have half my-my stuff written-'written up,' I mean. Take

please ask at the express office if a

them-was that of a stranger, probably

Ross, surfeited with honor, terror, and possessed by a sweet distress at finding himself tete-a-tete with the lady. looked at the wall and replied, "Oh,

"Do you know if they have begun to "Ma'am?" said Ross.

Before that day was over system had been introduced, and the Herald was running on it, and all that warm rainy afternoon the editor and Fisbee worked in the editorial rooms. Parker and Bud and Mr. Schofleld (after his return with the items and a courteous message from Ephraim Watts) bent over the forms downstairs, and Uncle Xenoidentity, Miss Selina maintaining that | phon was cleaning the storeroom and scrubbing the floor. An extraordinary number of errands took the various members of the printing force up to see the editor in chief, literally to see the editor in chief. It was hard to beleve that the presence had not flown, hard to keep believing without the re-

you laughin' at, Cale?" he asked.

her head and cried bravely, "Here's to our candidate!" The big men, towering over her, threw back their heads and quaffed the gentle liquor to the last drop. Then

(TO BE CONTINUED.)